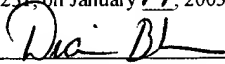




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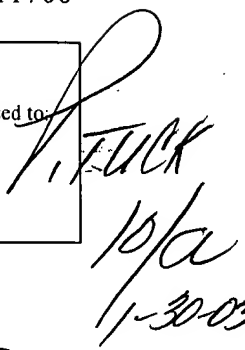
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2002 for which a response was initially due on November 19, 2002 and for which a two (2) month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from November 19, 2002 to January 19, 2003. Accordingly, this Reply is believed to be timely filed.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Action and request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and discussion.